

PROPOSED REMARKS
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INTRODUCTION OF KATHARINE GRAHAM
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IT IS MY PLEASURE THIS AFTERNOON TO WELCOME
KATHARINE GRAHAM, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE
OFFICER OF THE WASHINGTON POST COMPANY. UNDER HER LEADERSHIP,
THE WASHINGTON POST COMPANY HAS BECOME ONE OF THE MOST
SUCCESSFUL CORPORATIONS IN THE MEDIA FIELD, AND A VERY
INFLUENTIAL FORCE IN WASHINGTON AND THE COUNTRY AS A WHOLE.

A GRADUATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO, MRS. GRAHAM WORKED
AS A REPORTER FOR THE SAN FRANCISCO NEWS AND LATER JOINED THE
WASHINGTON POST, A PAPER HER FATHER HAD PURCHASED AT A
BANKRUPTCY SALE IN 1933. SHE GAINED VALUABLE EXPERIENCE
WORKING IN THE EDITORIAL AND CIRCULATION DEPARTMENTS.

TAKING OVER AS PRESIDENT IN 1963, SHE GUIDED THE POST
THROUGH THE RADICAL SIXTIES, THE VIETNAM WAR, AND THE WATERGATE
SCANDAL. HER JUDGMENTS DURING THESE TURBULENT YEARS FIRMLY

ESTABLISHED MRS. GRAHAM AS A PUBLISHER OF INTEGRITY AND
COURAGE, AND ENHANCED THE NATIONAL REPUTATION OF THE POST.

THROUGHOUT HER REMARKABLE CAREER, MRS. GRAHAM HAS
DEMONSTRATED A SOPHISTICATED UNDERSTANDING OF THE MEDIA'S ROLE
IN OUR SOCIETY. SHE IS HERE TODAY TO TALK ABOUT "SECRECY AND
THE PRESS," A TOPIC WHICH HAS BEEN AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE OF
GREAT CONCERN TO JOURNALISTS AND INTELLIGENCE PROFESSIONALS
ALIKE.

PLEASE JOIN ME IN WELCOMING MRS. GRAHAM.